



ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to a new year at school! We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves – Mr James Ridd and Mrs Barbara Dobson - and inform you about the teaching and learning that will take place, as well as some of the routines for Year 3.

Topic

Each term your child will be immersed in a topic, which will be integrated and linked across the curriculum. The topic for autumn is Invasion! You can see the areas and skills they will be learning on the topic web on the school website. We would be very grateful if you could support your child's learning by encouraging them to do a small amount of research on our topic. Any books, news articles, artefacts, pictures, etc. that they can bring in and share with the class will be very helpful and enhance our classroom displays.

P.E kit and uniform

For the first term PE will be on a Tuesday and Thursday, however, your child should have their PE kit available every day. Your child will need a kit bag containing: T-shirt, shorts, socks, trainers and a tracksuit for colder weather (all of which should be labelled with their name). We will be using the field for games, so please bear in mind that the children may get muddy. A light, waterproof coat might also be handy.

Please may we remind you that it is school policy that children wear the recommended school uniform as identified on our website (available at <http://www.stchadsprimaryschool.co.uk/>). In addition, children are allowed to wear a watch and one pair of stud earrings, which are both to be removed during PE sessions. Please ensure that children are able to remove their own earrings as staff are not allowed to do this. Please note that nail varnish is not allowed.

Homework

Children should bring a folder or bag in which to keep their homework book and reading books. Homework will involve: learning and applying spellings; reading a school, home or library book, and various other tasks linked to weekly learning and our topic. Topic and/or weekly learning homework will be set on a Friday and is due in by the following Thursday. Children will be encouraged to conduct research and bring items in from home. The children will be provided with everything they need for lessons and so there is no need for them to bring pencil cases to school.





As reading is a vital part of the educational experience, we suggest that your child reads at home at least four times a week. This can be both individually and reading aloud to an adult; we ask that parents sign their child's reading record when they have read at home. In order to encourage reading at home, we intend to introduce a reading challenge, where children can collect rewards for reading at home. Please ensure that your child has their reading book and reading diary in school every day.

I.C.A

Each class has an "I Can Achieve" (ICA) folder. Please remind your child to let us know if they achieve anything outside of school so that a note can be made on their page in the folder and recognition in assembly. This could be as part of a club or in swimming lessons for example.

We are looking forward to meeting and working with you all over the next year. We are always looking for volunteers to help in class. There are many activities that you could help with, all of which benefit the children tremendously: listening to children read, helping learn and test spellings and working with groups in class. If you are able to help, either on a regular basis or every now and again, please let us know. Any help would be much appreciated.

Please remember that it is important to keep the office up to date with any changes in your child's medical needs.

We hope to see you all at the next parents' evening (22nd and 23rd October) and we looking forward to getting to know and teaching your child.

Thank you,

James Ridd and Barbara Dobson



